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I-76 Exit 1A and I-295 Exit 26 ramp closures this week in Bellmawr, Camden County I-295 southbound/Al-Jo's Curve to be closed and detoured Friday

(Trenton) - New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the I-76 eastbound Exit 1A ramp to I-295 southbound and the I-295 northbound Exit 26 ramp to I-76 westbound will be closed this week for curb and barrier repairs as the Direct Connect project advances in Bellmawr, Camden County. In addition, the I-295 southbound ramp to Route 42 southbound and I-295 southbound, also known as Al-Jo's Curve, is scheduled to be closed Friday night for inlet repairs.

Monday, September 11 through Wednesday, September 13

Beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, Monday, September 11 until 5 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, September 12, and again on Tuesday, September 12, and Wednesday, September 13, at the same times, the left lane on I-76 eastbound just before the Browning Road Bridge and the Exit 1A ramp to I-295 southbound are scheduled to be closed. The closures are necessary for emergency repairs to replace damaged construction barrier near the Essex Street overpass. The following detour will be in place:

<u>I-76 eastbound Exit 1A ramp to I-295 southbound detour:</u>

- Motorists traveling on I-76 eastbound to I-295 southbound will be directed to take Exit 1B to I-295 northbound, which is before Exit 1A
- Take Exit 28/Route 168
- Turn left at the end of the ramp onto Route 168
- Take the ramp to I-295 southbound

In addition, beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Monday, September 11 until 5 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, September 12, the left lane on I-295 northbound is scheduled to be closed after Exit 26 near the Bridge over Essex Avenue through the Browning Road Bridge over I-295 to make emergency quiderail repairs.

On Wednesday, September 13, from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m., Thursday, September 14, the I-295 northbound Exit 26 ramp, which becomes the left lane of I-76 westbound, is scheduled to be closed to assist with curb and barrier repairs. The following detour will be in place:

I-295 northbound Exit 26 to I-76 westbound detour:

- Motorists traveling on I-295 northbound will be directed to continue on I-295 north to Exit 27
- Take the left Exit 27 ramp to I-76 westbound

Friday, September 15

Beginning at 10 p.m. Friday, September 15, until 5 a.m. Saturday, September 16, the I-295 southbound ramp to Route 42 southbound and I-295 southbound, also known as Al-Jo's Curve, will be closed and detoured. The closure is necessary to make drainage inlet repairs. All motorists traveling on I-295 southbound will be directed to stay left onto Exit 26. The following detour will be in place tonight:

<u>I-295</u> southbound to Route 42 southbound/I-295 southbound detour:

- Motorists traveling on I-295 southbound to Route 42 southbound will be directed to exit left at Exit 26/I-76 westbound
- Take I-76 westbound to Exit 2/I-676 northbound
- Take I-676 northbound to Exit 1/Collings Avenue
- Turn right onto Collings Avenue
- Turn left onto I-676 southbound which becomes I-76 eastbound
- Take I-76 eastbound to Exit 1A/I-295 southbound

This work is part of the Direct Connection project that will provide a seamless route for I-295 motorists traveling through the interchange of I-295, I-76, and Route 42. To sign up for I-295 Direct Connect project updates go to 295DirectConnect.com or text CONNECT to 1-844-844-3681.

Portable variable message signs are being utilized to provide advance notification to the public of all traffic pattern changes associated with the work. The precise timing of the work is subject to change due to weather or other factors.

Motorists are encouraged to check NJDOT's traffic information website www.511nj.org for real-time travel information, and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter @NewJerseyDOT or on the NJDOT Facebook page.

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